

Heltonville Feb, 6th 1866

Friend Garrison,

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Your letter containing the Photographs of yourself and daughter, have been welcomed to our home, and the new Album our daughter had for a Christmas present, will be dedicated by them, when we receive Mrs. Garrison's. And should you have any of your sons, if you will send them, or if not, could get them to sit for some and send us, I would pay you as cheerfully for them, as I would for a dinner when I was hungry. But send Mrs. Garrison's as soon as you

get it, as we would like
to put them together,
that others might see them
as well as ourselves, Tho,
we have lived in spirit,
with you, and family for
many years, yet our eyes have
never (to our knowledge),
seen any but yourself,
If the School Boy, Sailor, or
Soldier, can greet, and wel-
come their comrades as such,
How much more, can we
greet, and welcome those
we have tried to bear their
burdens ^{with} for many a long
and ~~dreary~~ year, with but
few, if any school mates,
or friends, to cheer us on our
way? But untill you are
better paid, I thank you
for them, and the en-
couraging word also,
That will last when mon-
ey is gone, and forgotten,

In reply to to your suggestion about expenses, I would say I paid for the Ball out of the collection (\$3.00) & the notices, the Printer was glad to do for nothing, as he will be whenever you will come to our village, so all is right, You are welcomed by all now, except a few out of our Town who claim to have outgrown Garrison, But what a Change from my first acquaintance with you, I took the first Liberator that was subscribed for in Heltonville, without a friend to say to say that is right, or that had a kind word for you, What a change.

Today all three of our
ministers contributing
to hear you speak,
What is sown in weak-
ness, may be raised in
power, is still our hope
Eternity is long enough
for us all, The patient
labourer has his reward,
It comes not in the Thun-
der, & Lightning's flash,
but in the still small
voice,

Yours as ever,

Charles Brigham